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Letter dated 19 May 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement on the situation in the Kyrgyz Republic by the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) — the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, adopted on 8 May 2010 at an informal meeting of heads of CSTO member States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate this as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 13.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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We, the heads of States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), view with concern the events that occurred in the Kyrgyz Republic in April 2010 and led to an unconstitutional change of power. Considering these events to be an internal affair of the Kyrgyz Republic, we express our profound sorrow and condolences for the extensive loss of life and for the property damage resulting from these events.

We address the people of Kyrgyzstan and declare the need to return public and political life in the country swiftly and peacefully to a path of legality and normality, and to prevent violence, restore the rule of law, observe human rights and freedoms in the Kyrgyz Republic and legitimize Government institutions.

We believe that it is necessary to provide the people of the Kyrgyz Republic with humanitarian and other assistance in order to stabilize the situation in the country as soon as possible. We declare the readiness of CSTO member States to provide such assistance, and also their interest in constructive cooperation in that area with other countries and international organizations.

We reaffirm the strategic focus for the comprehensive development of cooperation within CSTO, with the active involvement of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Moscow, 8 May 2010